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Mrs. Andrew J. Mohr
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Dear Mrs. Mohr:

Your letter of January 20th was referred to me in my capacity of curator of birds. It happens that I have vague recollections of Dr. Lindsay who was an associate of my father. I am sorry to report that we have no record of his having presented his collection of birds' eggs and butterflies to the University of Utah. This does not mean that he may not have done so. At one time the University had a fine natural history museum but later it was neglected, records were lost and the material was scattered. When the museum was revived in the late twenties there was very little left.

However, I doubt that he presented the material to the University. As I recall he was tremendously partial to his native country and I suspect that he may have sent them to the British Museum or some Provincial Museum in Canada. A few years ago in my work with the colonial birds nesting on the islands of Great Salt Lake I came across Dr. Lindsay's book "Camp fire reminiscences or tales of hunting and fishing in Canada and the West" in which there is a chapter on his visit to Egg and Bird islands. I needed to establish the time of this visit and having the recollection of my father's statement that he had given at least some material to the Provincial Museum of British Columbia in Victoria, Vancouver Island, I wrote to Dr. G. Clifford Carl, Director. He replied that they did indeed have some eggs of pelicans, etc. presented by Dr. Lindsay that were taken on Hat Island in 1907. You might follow up this lead.

Sincerely,

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